College Retirees Association

Newsletter

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President's Message

I would like to welcome all new retirees to the College Retirees Association and welcome back all our returning members.

Our October meeting was an interesting meeting as we had Darcey Russo from the College Food Bank speak to us and give us a tour of the College Food Bank. She explained to us how it operates and what they would be doing in the future for our students at the College. Our Holiday Luncheon in December was a well-attended event at the Croquet Club. It was a fun time to renew old acquaintances, meet new retirees, and share what we have been doing in an outside venue.

Feel free to contact me or other board members with suggestions for activities and meeting topics. Diana Krause and Karen Lippe have kindly volunteered to share the duty of doing our newsletter. If you would like to share your travel and other experiences to include in our newsletter, please send to dkrause1004@gmail.com or lippek@bellsouth.net

We are still in need of a Program Chair, so if anyone would be interested please let me know.

Hope to see many of you at our meeting in May.

~~ *Shirley Sullivan*

Nancy's Notes

Unfortunately, after emailing a number of members whose dues were in arrears, it was necessary to remove 16 from our membership listing. Currently, there are 20 members who have not renewed their membership with a payment in 2023. Hopefully, upon reading this, they will have their memory jogged and send it in to me.

Don't hesitate to invite your PBSC retiree friends to join us and/or invite them along for our next event.

Thank you for not only the Christmas cards but also the kind words of encouragement that I received from so many of you in 2023. Happy New Year to each of you and I look forward to serving you throughout 2024!

College Email Address & ID Retiree Badge

No new news on the transferring of our college email addresses to the new format that our most recent members have been assigned.

The new format is firstname.lastname@ret.pbsc.edu

For those of you who do not have a college email address and want one, just email me and I will submit your name for one. You are no longer required to complete an application for one.

With a college email address, you can drop by the college bookstore in Lake Worth and request a Retiree ID that will give you access to the benefits available to current employees provided approval of the vendor.

CRA Spring Meeting

We are awaiting confirmation on the availability of a room to hold our next CRA meeting at the college. The requested date is **May 03rd, 2024**, and if that is not available, then **April 26th, 2024**.

Please stay tuned for updates.

Welcome New Members

(since last newsletter 5/5/23)

Susan Caldwell
David Gossman
Carol Ann Oleska
Dalila Rodriguez
Barbara Sharp
Jeffrey Sundquist
Ronald Ungaro

Dues are Due

Our membership year is May 1 to April 30 each year.

Recently, I have received checks from some members who paid for past years as well as our new year starting on May 1.

Please make your dues check of $15 or more payable to PBSC Retirees Association and mail it to me:

Nancy A. Buhl
730 West Rambling Drive
Wellington, FL 33414

In Memoria

John Connolly 1/2024
Dolly Hand 1/2024
https://news.palmbeachstate.edu/2024/01/09/dolly-hand-matriarch-of-belle-glade-dies-at-95/

Rest in Peace

CRA Holiday Luncheon - Held at the National Croquet Club on December 05, 2023

A great time was had by all, and the gift of toys was much appreciated.

Member Highlights

Happy Trails Travelogue

John "Jack" Kinnen is living a retirees dream… he spends most of the year on the high seas visiting, experiencing, and soaking in the culture of every isle, continent and country on the planet, and having a jolly good time of it as you can see in these pictures.

He is currently on a 94-day cruise on Holland America Line to Hawaii, South Pacific islands, New Zealand, and Australia.

Apia, Samoa
January 20, 2024

Mystery Island
(Anelghowhat Vanuatu)
January 25, 2024

Noumea, Grand Terre,
New Caledonia.
January 27, 2024

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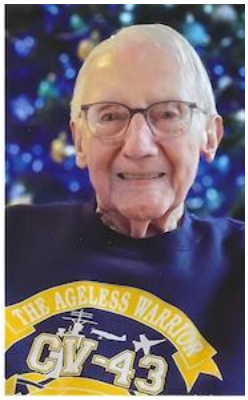
…from **Joanne Kelly**

Jim and I are doing fine and enjoying life. We are not traveling like we once did-remembering hikes in the Grand Canyon with our 3 sons-long ago. Have only been on one cruise in our lifetime- to the Bahamas, not for us. But we were sailing in our sunfish yesterday, the first venture of the summer. Spend time picking up fronds and cutting grass (riding mowers) in two places- Lake Worth Beach and 1920 cottage in Kissimmee Park. And this fall and spring terms I did enjoy tutoring Math in the SLC (PBSC Student Learning Center). We look forward to July visits from our son from California and our son from New Orleans, his wife, and our granddaughter. Here I am helping Mabel make a card involving her facial photo on a hand drawn mermaid body, for her 9th birthday. Also helping to pay for her swimming lessons. Mermaids all have to learn at some time to swim.

Member Highlights…*continued*

I enjoyed a phone conversation with **Dr. Bill Wilson**, the former EFA President who promoted the addition of all PBSC retirees and what is now our College Retirees Association. He sounded good to me and was happy to know that we are still going strong. He also sent me a Christmas card with his latest photo (attached) and wrote that he misses all the good times. We miss seeing him but are glad to know he is doing well in Indiana.

~ ~ Nancy Buhl



Comments/Updates from our new members …

Barbara Sharp wrote:
I retired May 8, 2023, after 27 years at the college on the Boca Raton campus. I am now enjoying this new chapter of my life being a fulltime Grammy to my 15-month-old granddaughter who lives just 5 miles from me - what a blessing!

Ronald Ungaro wrote:
I look forward to becoming a member and participating in Association activities.

We would love to hear from you...

Have you been on an awesome vacation, enjoyed a great trip, spent a marvelous time with family on a special occasion? Any news at all that you wish to share? Then we would like to hear from you.

Email your stories and pictures to Diana Krause at dkrause1004@gmail.com to include in future newsletters.

A big thank-you to all the contributors to this newsletter for the stories and pictures provided.

~ ~ Diana Krause

COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION (CRA)

MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2023

Location: Palm Beach State College – Central Campus
President's Dining Room, SCA 113

Self-Serve Luncheon was at 11:30 a.m.

The President, Shirley Sullivan called the CRA meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

A **Self-Introduction** of the members present.

A **"Moment of Silence"** due to the loss of members.

Treasurers Report by Nancy Buhl, a balance of $2984.87 as of this meeting date.

Presentation was on the **Panther's Pantry by Robin Russo, LCSW**

No PBSC Student should go hungry! Panther's Pantry is a free resource for PBSC students, faculty and staff. It provides free canned food, frozen meat, fresh produce, snacks and toiletries to those that need it.

Food available to students & employees
The Panther's Pantry will be distributing pre-bagged food.

Appointments are available on all five campuses.

We are striving to make this a contact-less experience, but please wear a mask just in case.

Guidelines
To meet the needs of our student body, we ask that you follow some simple guidelines.
A variety of goods, that vary upon availability, are included for every pre-packed pickup appointment. Items may include a variety of canned goods, pasta or rice, beverages, meat and/or poultry, vegetables, or fruit.
There will be no substitution of items or extra items provided.

- If you do not want an item that has been packed for you, feel free to leave it for another student.
- A list of pantry locations within Palm Beach County will be provided to you should the available items not meet your individual needs.
- Should you require personal hygiene items, please ask.
- You MUST have your student ID with you at your appointment.
- Limited walk-in availability.
- One pickup per week

We were taken on a tour of the Central Campus facility.

Locations

Belle Glade campus
TEC 109
1977 College Drive, Belle Glade, FL 33430

Boca Raton campus
AD 106
801 Palm Beach State College Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33431

Lake Worth campus
SCA 102
4200 Congress Avenue, Lake Worth, FL 33461

Loxahatchee Groves campus

First Floor
15845 Southern Boulevard, Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Palm Beach Gardens campus
AD 120
3160 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

SNAP BENEFITS

On-site SNAP registration now available by appointment on the Lake Worth campus.

Call 561-868-3980 for more information.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates on local food distribution sites.

Contact Us

Book an appointment now call or email

Phone: 561-868-3980 | **Email:** pantherspantry@palmbeachstate.edu

Next CRA Meeting will be in May 2024. TBA

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.